

MERGER IS EFFECTED

Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Business Assn.

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PETERSBURG, VA., April 9.—The Chamber of Commerce and Young Men's Business Association consolidated to-night under the name of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Carter R. Bishop was made temporary chairman. Mr. Simon Seward was elected president. Robert Cabanis, vice-president, and R. D. Gilliam, secretary, their terms to expire at a meeting to be held in April, at which a permanent organization will be effected. Following the business session at this meeting a banquet will be held, at which two or three hundred business men are expected to be present.

Interest in football is being revived in Petersburg, and the club in this city will probably have good support during the coming season. The Petersburg Club, of which Mr. J. R. Jones is manager, has been admitted to the league and already several players have been signed. Charles and Clayton will begin as pitchers for the team, and Surles and Powles will be behind the bat. Half of the team will be composed of amateurs, but the manager will have the right at any time to replace them with professional players.

NEGRRO CHURCH R. B. Davis, counsel for the faction which recently withdrew from the Harrison-Street Baptist Church (colored), have served notice that they will apply to Judge Minor, of Richmond, restraining the succeeding members from interfering with the pastor, Rev. Watts, and the deacons of the church. The notice was filed in the court yesterday.

At a meeting, fast and furious, two factions sprang up, each of which claimed right to conduct the affairs of the church. Sunday services were interrupted till counsel for the pastor and the deacons got from Judge Minor and injunction, preventing any further action. The matter will probably have to be settled by the courts, as there is at this time little evidence of an amicable agreement.

Messrs. H. V. Farham and A. R. Moody, of this city, are interested in the organization of a military company in Petersburg. These gentlemen conferred with Adjutant-General Nalle in Richmond yesterday, and were assured that if they could secure the present law is entitled to only thirty-five military companies, and there are now thirty in Virginia and several applications in hand. If Petersburg is to have a military company it will seem that there is little time for consideration, and that quick action alone can secure it.

MR. SEWARD'S LECTURE.
Mr. Simon Seward, the well-known lecturer at Churchland Baptist Church at Portsmouth next Friday evening on his escape from prison at Point Lookout in 1862. This account of Mr. Seward's thrilling experience has been published in several papers, but this will be the first time he has told these experiences from the platform.

William Russell, who was married to Miss Annie Morecock in Walden yesterday, is well known in Petersburg, where he lived for several years. His first wife was Mrs. Anna Love, of this city.

Two highwaymen, supposed to be from Petersburg, held up Constable John R. Wood in Prince George county a few evenings ago. At the point of a pistol they demanded his money. He told them he had no money, and whipping up his horse, drove rapidly on his way. He carried safely home the \$45 he had stuffed in his boot leg.

Beginning very early this morning Club will give a dance each week to its members, and these dances may continue throughout the summer. Pool tables are to be placed in the building and a bowling alley erected.

THE NEW HOTEL.
The C. H. Marshall Coal Company has vacated the building at Sycamore and Tabb Streets, occupied by their offices for the past year. The building is now being taken down to give way to the new hotel that is soon to rise in its place. The Marshall Coal Company now has offices in the Shirley Hotel building on the corner of Sycamore and Tabb Streets.

A report that could not be verified was circulated in Petersburg to-day to the effect that the Continental Tobacco Company, which recently purchased the T. C. Williams tobacco factory in Richmond, was planning to purchase the Dunlop factories in this city. A representative of the Continental Company recently said that his company desired only two factories now in the State, the T. C. Williams factories of Richmond, and the Dunlop factories in this city. Nothing can be learned to throw any light on the report.

Mr. H. T. Palsen, a well-known woodworker and carpenter, employed at the planing mill of T. J. Jefferson in this city, had two of his fingers cut off yesterday by a buzz planer.

Four to Nothing.
Virginia Defeats Lehigh in an Errorless Game.
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Rev. L. L. Pickett, of Wilmore, Ky., has been selected to conduct the holiness camp meeting in Spotsylvania county during its annual meeting from September 30 to 14th next. The grounds are now being put in order.

A big temperance rally will be held on next Monday night, April 13th, at Zion M. B. Church in Spotsylvania county, at which an address will be delivered by Mrs. Boone, of the W. C. T. U. Rev. J. W. Heckman will also address the meeting. A local option election will be held in Spotsylvania next Tuesday. Spotsylvania is divided, but it is thought the drys will win.

Judge John T. Goolrick left last night for Pittsburg, Pa., where to-night he will deliver an address at a big entertainment given by the members of the Union Veterans Legion. Among others who will deliver addresses on the same occasion are Corporal James Tanner and General S. M. B. Young.

Mr. W. V. Goolrick and his son, William K. Goolrick, have purchased of Mr. K. N. Goolrick the latter's drug business in this city. Mr. K. N. Goolrick having decided to go to South Africa to engage in business.

The Eastern Hotel, which has been closed for some months, is now undergoing repairs and improvements, and will be opened to the public on April 15th by Major W. L. Laughlin, of Pennsylvania.

Hon. A. T. Embrey, Mr. W. S. Embrey, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Carter left here to-day for Clarendon, Texas, where on next Wednesday Mr. A. T. Embrey and Miss Eliza Evans Winn, who is a sister of Mr. Carter, of this city, will be married. Mr. W. S. Embrey, Jr., will be the best man. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Embrey will be at home to their friends in this city after May 1st.

Mrs. A. M. Moore, of this city, who has been critically ill, the home of her daughter, Mrs. Griffin, in Washington, where she is visiting, is not improved. Mr. Minor Sullivan and Miss Rosa B. Baker, both of Stafford county, were married in Washington this morning.

The fine barn, with contents, on the farm of Mr. Tinsley Twyman, a prominent merchant of Spotsylvania county, was destroyed by fire last night, and several other out-buildings. Origin of the fire is not known. With the aid of the neighbors, who promptly arrived, the horses and other stock in the buildings were saved.

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Virginia Against Tennessee.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., April 9.—The sixty-sixth annual public debate of the Horner-Literary Society of Emory and Henry College, at Emory, Va., will take place on the evening of the 17th instant. It promises to be a most interesting debate for the reason that the contest will be between Tennesseans on the one side and Virginians on the other. The question to be discussed is, to say the least, a rather suggestive one, being: "Resolved, that the Democratic party is the cause of a positive factor in American politics." The Tennesseans will argue for the affirmative side of the question are, C. O. Shugart and E. W. Shuler. The cause of Democracy will be championed by R. L. Riley and R. P. Shuler, of Virginia.

Pastor Called to Boykins.
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BOYKINS, VA., April 9.—The Baptist of Boykins have called Rev. W. C. Blair, of Greensville, Va., to be the pastor of this church.

A small girl (colored) of Jim Evans, while playing near the fire on yesterday, was so badly burned she is said to be dying to-day.

That Mr. H. Hart had his hands very painfully burned in his attempt to extinguish the flames.

Case of Dr. B. H. Sparks.
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 9.—The case of Dr